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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 21, to page 3, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The digital information which is recorded on a recording medium is read by a scan of a head not shown, and the read signal is subjected to a processing for emphasizing a predetermined frequency band to result in an analog reproduction signal, which is input to the analog/digital converter 1 to be converted to a multi-value digital reproduction signal. Then, the digital reproduction signal is input to both of the digital phase locked loop 2 and the transversal filter 4 of the automatic equalizer 9. The digital phase locked loop 2 extracts the reference clock CK by

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